

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the following paragraph at the top of page 1 with the following amended paragraph:

**CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is related to and claims the benefit of co-pending applications No. 09/\_\_\_\_, 09/921,282, entitled "MANAGEMENT OF VIRTUAL AND PHYSICAL NETWORK INVENTORIES" (Atty. Docket No. 020366-077210US); No. 09/\_\_\_\_, 09/921,285, entitled "PROVISIONING SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AUTO-DISCOVERING CUSTOMER PREMISES EQUIPMENT IN ACTIVATING xDSL" (Atty. Docket No. 020366-077310US); No. 09/\_\_\_\_, 09/921,294, entitled "PERFORMANCE MODELING IN A VDSL NETWORK" (Atty. Docket No. 020366-077410US); No. 09/\_\_\_\_, 09/921,276, entitled "FAULT MANAGEMENT IN A VDSL NETWORK" (Atty. Docket No. 020366-077510US); No. 09/\_\_\_\_, 09/921,277, entitled "FAULT MANAGEMENT IN A VDSL NETWORK" (Atty. Docket No. 020366-077520US); No. 09/\_\_\_\_, 09/921,275, entitled "PROACTIVE SERVICE REQUEST MANAGEMENT AND MEASUREMENT" (Atty. Docket No. 020366-077710US), and No. 09/\_\_\_\_, 09/921,274, entitled "LINKING ORDER ENTRY PROCESS TO REALTIME NETWORK INVENTORIES AND CAPACITIES" (Atty. Docket No. 020366-077810US), all filed August 1, 2001, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.